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# U.S. LABOR SECRETARY ALEX ACOSTA MUST RESIGN

*In the interest of justice for victims of child trafficking*

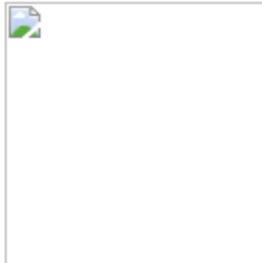
In 2008, then-U.S. Attorney for the Miami district [Alex Acosta helped financier Jeffrey Epstein](#) secure a sweetheart deal that allowed him to dodge federal charges related to his years of sexual abuse and exploitation of children. In an appalling miscarriage of justice, the deal allowed by Mr. Acosta failed to involve or even notify the victims of Mr. Epstein about the plea deal. Adding further injury to the victims, Mr. Acosta allowed for the most minimal punishment for Mr. Epstein.

With Mr. Epstein's arrest on charges of sex trafficking on July 6th, it is now

clear there were many more victims in more than one city, and that Mr. Acosta and the criminal justice system let those victims down. Powerful men have long had their abhorrent behavior protected, if not rewarded, as illustrated by Mr. Acosta's current position as the U.S. Secretary of Labor. As the details of Mr. Epstein's current indictment become public, there is no question that Mr. Acosta's decision to shield Mr. Epstein from federal charges was not only misguided and irresponsible but prevented the survivors of Mr. Epstein's abuse from seeking justice.

Because we believe our criminal justice system should place itself in a position to offer protection and hope to victims, especially children, and because Mr. Acosta has lost all credibility of reasonable judgment, this week, ECPAT-USA sent a letter to the White House calling for the firing of Mr. Acosta. [You can raise your voice to help protect children across the country by adding your name to the letter now.](#)

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